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Title ..... "A MOLECULAR  
DECOMPOSITION PROCESS FOR THE  
SYNTHESIS OF NANOSIZE CERAMIC  
POWDERS"

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

The Examiner has required restriction to one of the following groups of claims:

- I. Claims I to 20, drawn to a method for making ceramic powder, and
- II. Claims 21 to 25, drawn to a method for making a metallic powder.

The Applicant elects, without traverse, the claims of Group I (Claims I to 20).

Respectfully submitted;

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